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Applicant's representative brought to the attention of the Appeal Brief filed on 08/25/2006 comply with 37 CFR 41.37(c)(1)(iv). Accordingly, the application is now forwarded to the Examiner to consider the Brief.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Dung Nguyen whose telephone number is 571-272-2297. The examiner can normally be reached on Tuesday-Friday.

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